

SPORTING NEWS

ALL SHORTSTOPS
ARE WEAK HITTERSPresent Day Players Not Good
With the Stick.

OLD TIMERS WERE SLUGGERS

Hugh Jennings, George Davis and a
Number of Others Were .300 Batters.
Bush, Fletcher, O'Mara and Maranville
Poor Swatters.He is a great fielder, but he cannot
hit.The above applies to almost all present
day shortstops, though why it
should be true has not been answered.
It is not unusual to see a first base-
man, a second baseman or a third base-
man hit in the .300 class, but for some
unknown reason shortstops of today
hardly rank as fair hitters. Most of
them are so light on the attack that
they are known as weak batsmen.Hans Wagner, now closing his career
at short for the Pirates, has been the
one notable exception during the
past few years. Hans went through
seventeen consecutive seasons in the
National league without falling out of
the .300 class, but in his last two sea-
sons even Hans has fallen victim to
the light hitting germ which has af-
fected the shortstops.

In Other Years.

In the days when most of the present
day managers were getting their base-
ball schooling in the majors heavy hit-
ting shortstops were not uncommon.
Hugh Jennings, now with the Tigers,
hit above .300 in seven seasons be-
tween 1891 and 1899. George Davis,
who did his best work with the Giants
and the White Sox, was another hard
hitter. Davis hit above the .300
mark for nine successive seasons.Herman Long, once a star with the
old Boston Nationals, who closed hisPhoto by American Press Association.
ROBBIE MARANVILLE OF THE BRAVES.major league career with the Detroit
Tigers a few years ago, was another
shortstop of the old school who failed
to show any great weakness with the
stick. In four seasons Long ranked
close to .325. Bill Dahlen batted his
way into the .300 class in three cam-
paigns, and in two of those he batted
above .300. John M. Ward was a .300
hitter in three campaigns and close to
the mark in many more. Ed McKenn
of the old Cleveland Spiders was in the
select circle no less than six times.
Tommy Conner, though not as suc-
cessful as those above mentioned in
getting into the select circle, managed
to reach the coveted class once and
came close to it in other seasons. All
these players were stars in the field
and far more dangerous with the stick
than the shortstops of today.Joe Tinker, while never a .300 bat-
sman in his club days, was more dan-
gerous than most present day players.

Fletcher Heads List.

The best hitting shortstop of the new
school is Art Fletcher of the Giants.
He has been McGraw's regular in this
position since 1911, and he has batted
over .300 only once.Roger Peckinpaugh of the Yankees,
generally rated as the best defensive
shortstop in baseball, is one of the
light hitters. Peck bats around .235.Buck Weaver of the White Sox, who
has been the regular for the past four
years, has not gone beyond .272 since
he joined the Sox.Rabbit Maranville of the Braves, an-
other of the great shortstops of the
day, has not closed a campaign with a
mark above .250.

Bush a Light Hitter.

Donie Bush of the Tigers is another
who must be classed as a weak bat-
sman. Bush joined the Tigers in 1908
and batted .294 for twenty games. He
batted .273 in 1909, but never has
reached that mark since.Jack Barry during his days in the
great Athletic infield was the weakest
hitter of that quartet. Once he batted
.275, but in all other campaigns he hit
below .250. Now he plays second.George McBride of the Senators is
another of the same class. He is a
great fielder, but in eight years he has
failed to bat above .235.Ray Chapman of the Indians, who
was shifted recently to third base, bat-
ted above the ordinary run of short-
stops while he held down the position.
He started with .312 for thirty-one
games in 1912, but in the intervening
campaigns he has hit between .250
and .275.HANDICAP TO TESREAU
WHEN FACING MAJORS"The first time I ever saw a
professional ball team," said
Jeff Tesreau, "was when the
Browns came down to Freder-
icksburg, Mo., to play an amate-
ur team for which I pitched in
1907. They beat us, 29 to 0.""Later when I was in the In-
ternational league Joe Yeager,
formerly with the Browns and
then with Montreal, recognized
me as the kid who had pitched
against St. Louis that day.""Do you know the reason we
hit you so hard?" he asked.

"No," I replied.

"Why, your catcher gave his
signals without attempting to
conceal them, and they were
plain as day to us. All the bat-
ters knew what to expect, and
we were almost ashamed to beat
you that way."JACK KELLY NEW IRON MAN;
STROKES ON THREE CREWSJack Kelly, the crack senior single
sculler of the Vesper Boat club, joined
the ranks of the athletic "iron men" re-
cently by stroking three winning crews
and also winning the senior single
sculls race in the Schuylkill navy regatta,
rowed over a mile and a quarter
straight away course on the Schuylkill
river. Kelly rowed five and a quarter
miles in about five hours, stroking the
senior double sculls crew, senior centi-
pede and senior eight oared shell crews.

MCCONNELL SOME TRAVELER.

Cub Twirler Has Been In and Out of
Minor Baseball Leagues.Few Chicago baseball fans think of
George McConnell, the elongated pitch-
er of the Cubs, as a veteran. A New
York writer reminds the world that
this hurler was a member of the Yan-
kees about ten years and has been in
and out of the minor leagues several
times."Whenever the roll call of baseball's
grand old men is sounded the names
we hear most often are Honus Wagner,
Christy Mathewson, Napoleon La-
jolla, Eddie Plank and Mordecai Brown.
These five will average about thirty-
nine years," says Sid Mercer in the
New York Globe. "Nobility has pro-
posed George McConnell for mem-
bership in this exclusive circle, yet 'Long
George' is verging on thirty-nine, and
he is still pitching good ball.""McConnell missed fame because his
long career has led him into the minor
leagues several times. It must have
been about ten years ago since he
first joined the Yankees. He played
two campaigns here in New York
and filled in the gaps with Interna-
tional league be-ings.""After drifting about aimlessly for
several seasons McConnell finally en-
tered the National league via Chicago.
Roger Bresnahan tried to attach a can
to 'Long George,' who promptly jump-
ed to the Chicago Federals. His pitch-
ing helped Tinker to a pennant, and
when the Chicago teams were amalga-
mated McConnell was not forgotten.
He can still go some."

MATTY PLAYED FIRST BASE.

Great Pitcher Was Given Chance to
Show His Wares at Initial Station.Matty is always there with a laugh
when he is asked about his narrow es-
cape from becoming a first baseman
instead of a pitcher. His conversion
into a first baseman, almost, was due
simply to the fact that he had hap-
pened to hit a couple of home runs.It immediately occurred to the col-
ossal brains then handling the Giants
that a man who batted home runs
ought to be in there every day instead
of only once or twice a week, and so
Matty was notified that he would have
to take up first basing. Before the
change of plans had gone very far
there was a change in managers, and
Matty returned to pitching without any
further talk about his playing first
base.

COBB IS TO SHUN GOLF.

Agrees With Matty That Hitting Is
Likely to Be Affected.Tyrus Cobb of the Detroit Tigers is
another baseball star who has decided
not to mix golf with his regular busi-
ness during the ball season. Dispatches
recently printed declared that Christy
Mathewson had reached the same con-
clusion.Cobb holds that the golf stroke is so
much different from the batting swing
that his hitting was likely to be af-
fected.

WALCOTT NOW A PIN BQY.

Once Famous Fighter "Setting 'Em
Up" in Boston Alley.Joe Walcott, once famous prize fight-
er, is earning a scant living settling up
pins in a Boston bowling alley. Since
the day Walcott's hand was maimed
by a bullet he has had a hard row to
hoe.After the wound healed one of the
fingers stiffened out straight, making
it impossible for him to don a boxing
glove.

King Son of Famous Player.

Eddie King of Amherst college, who
has joined the Philadelphia Athletics,
is a son of the former star outfielder,
who played with "Pop" Anson many
years ago.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

American League.

| Clubs | Won | Lost | P. C. |
|--------------|-----|------|-------|
| Boston | 87 | 60 | .592 |
| Chicago | 86 | 64 | .573 |
| Detroit | 85 | 66 | .563 |
| New York | 76 | 71 | .517 |
| St. Louis | 78 | 73 | .516 |
| Cleveland | 76 | 74 | .507 |
| Washington | 73 | 73 | .500 |
| Philadelphia | 33 | 113 | .226 |

American League Games Today.

New York at Boston.
Washington at Philadelphia.

National League.

| Clubs | Won | Lost | P. C. |
|--------------|-----|------|-------|
| Brooklyn | 89 | 57 | .610 |
| Philadelphia | 87 | 57 | .604 |
| Boston | 83 | 58 | .589 |
| New York | 81 | 62 | .566 |
| Pittsburgh | 65 | 85 | .433 |
| Chicago | 65 | 80 | .443 |
| St. Louis | 60 | 90 | .400 |
| Cincinnati | 57 | 93 | .380 |

National League Games Today.

Pittsburg at Boston (morning).
St. Louis at New York.
Chicago at Brooklyn.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

American League

No games scheduled.

National League.

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|---|---|---|---|
| At Brooklyn | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| Brooklyn | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Chicago | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Pfeffer and Meyers; McConnell and Wilson. | | | |

At Philadelphia

Philadelphia

Cincinnati

Demaree and Killifer; Kuetzer and Wingo, Huhn.

At New York

New York

St. Louis

Sallee and McCarty; Kocher; Watson, Williams and Snyder.

At Boston—first game

Boston

Pittsburg

Nehf and Gowdy; Evans and Schmidt.

At Boston—second game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

At Boston—third game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

At Boston—fourth game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

At Boston—fifth game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

At Boston—sixth game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

At Boston—seventh game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

At Boston—eighth game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

At Boston—ninth game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

At Boston—tenth game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

At Boston—eleventh game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

At Boston—twelfth game

Boston

Pittsburg

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag-

ner.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Henry D. Holton is in Chester
attending the Baptist state convention.

Silas Hamilton went this morning to
Worcester to enter Worcester academy.

Martin Cunningham, who was hurt
by one of his playmates, has returned
to school.

Mrs. Everett Phillips spent yesterday
in Northfield, Mass., with her cousin,
Miss Jean McPherson.

Miss Ena McKinnon, nurse, has re-
turned from a visit of several weeks
in her home in Nova Scotia.

Mrs. C. E. Stearns of Brooklyn is
visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Winches-
ter, and other relatives in town.

Mrs. Katherine Ahern and son, John,
of Keene, N. H., are visiting at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. William Snow are vi-
siting in town. Mr. Snow formerly was
manager of the Brooks House billiard
room.

Mrs. Frederick Cressy went today
to Newport to spend a few days with Mr.
Cressy, who is employed there tempo-
rarily.

Mrs. G. M. Taylor has returned
from Grafton, where she had spent
seven weeks with her sister, Mrs. Fair-
banks.

Miss Marion Denning returned Sun-
day to Albany, N. Y., after having
spent five weeks at her home on Wal-
nut street.

Miss Fay Milton and Jesse Tenney
of this place are spending a few days
with Miss Milton's parents in Penna-
cook, N. H.

Barney S. Michelman and L. I. Mi-
chelmann went this afternoon to
Northampton, Mass., to attend the
Jewish New Year's service.

Frank Holbrook started yesterday
for Sioux City, Ia., where he has a
daughter. He plans to visit his sister
in Louisville, Ky., on his way to Cali-
fornia.

Sam Zar and son, Abraham, went
today to Worcester, Mass., to consult
a specialist in regard to one of the
son's feet, which will be operated upon
to straighten misplaced bones if it is
thought advisable.

Theodore Parker and his sister ar-
rived here last night from Springfield,
Mass., called by the accident to their
father, Nelson Parker, of West Brat-
tleboro, who was badly gored by a cow
yesterday afternoon.

The Red Sox have hired Braves' field
for the Boston games of the
world's series.

The Braves, with the advantage of a
doubleheader, crawled up a shade on
Brooklyn and Philadelphia.

The two big league schedules are a
little weak today, but the rest of the
week will be full of baseball.

Allen, who won the second game
against Pittsburg yesterday, made his
first appearance after an illness of
over a month. He pitched gilt edge
ball.

Fans in St. Louis are anxious that
Sisler be given a chance in some game
to play one inning in every position in
the field. Sisler says that as a kid he
did some catching. He has demonstrated
in the big league that he can play ev-
ery position but that of the receiver. It
would be a unique record if he should
be allowed to do it.

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